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"In all things that are purely social we can be as separate as the fingers, but in all things that affect our mutual progress and development we can be together as the hand."—Booker T. Washington.

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A Community Asset

February, a month of notable birthdays, sees the celebration of a "birthday" in which all Americans can properly join. Boy Scout Week, Feb. 6 to 12, reminds us that one of America's largest youth organizations has reached another milestone.

The Boy Scouts of America has reached its forty-first anniversary. Since Feb. 8, 1910, more than 17,750,000 American boys and men have been influenced by the Scout Oath and Law. They have benefitted by using their leisure-time energies in outdoor living and activities of cultural and practical values which lead boys to become dependable men.

Today over 2,750,000 boys and men are actively enrolled in over 75,000 different units. Fortunate indeed are communities where Scouting flourishes. American adults of good character give generously of their time to give leadership. Others help by raising funds and are members of Local Boy Scout Councils which in turn provide training for leaders, camp facilities, worthwhile year-round activities, personal advancement and opportunities for Scouts to render community service.

In celebration of this birthday, the Boy Scouts are engaged in a nationwide clothing collection to meet emergency needs abroad, are stepping up their training for Civil Defense and are promoting greater interest in conserving the nation's natural resources.

May you have many more happy birthdays, Boy Scouts!

Heroism Knows No Color

(From The Collier's Magazine)

THIS IS ONLY ONE of the many stories of brave men that have come out of the Korean war. It is a story which prompted the commander of the carrier Leyte to say, "There has been no finer act of unselfish heroism in military history."

On December 4th Ensign Jesse Brown, a pilot attached to the Leyte, was shot down in enemy territory near the Chosin Reservoir. Lieutenant (jg) Thomas J. Hudner saw him hit and radioed the information to the commander of the mission. The commander went off to call for a rescue helicopter, while the Lieutenant circled the downed plane. He saw that it was burning and that the pilot, though alive, was obviously injured. He also saw, from footprints in the snow, that the plane was circled by enemy troops.

Lieutenant Hudner knew that Ensign Brown would die unless he got immediate help. He knew what his own fate might be if he tried to help him. Yet he set his plane down in the same field and ran to the injured man. The canopy of the burning plane would not open, so the Lieutenant called his commander and told him to get fire extinguishers and an ax aboard the helicopter. Then he returned and began packing the fuselage of the wrecked plane with snow to keep the flames away from Ensign Brown.

The helicopter arrived a few minutes later. But Ensign Brown died before the rescuers could get him out of the plane. That is the end of the story, but there is a postscript.

Ensign Brown was a Negro — The first Negro naval aviator and the first Negro officer in the Navy to lose his life in any war.

The matter of his color does not add to or detract from the heroism of a man who was ready, without hesitation, to lay down his life for a friend. But the story of Ensign Brown is another spike in the propaganda guns of the Kremlin, of misguided Americans like Paul Robeson, and of those who believe and spread a vicious, distorted, generalized story of racial discrimination in America. We do not intend to generalize in turn. There is discrimination, of course. But there is also kindness, good sense and a hatred of bigotry which are typical of America, too, and which reach their ultimate expression in the story above.

Negro Nurses Wipe Out Midwifery In Memphis Area

MEMPHIS—(ANP)—Miss Aline Vance of the public health nursing service of Memphis and Shelby County Health Department, reported here last week that the work of Negro nurses in the city and county during the last 40 years has wiped out the midwifery trade among Negroes.

Addressing the committee on Negro welfare of the community council, she said: "As far as the health department is concerned, among the chief accomplishments of the Negro public health nurses has been their participation in the elimination of the ignorant Negro midwife."

"In 1920, there were more than 400 of these midwives; in 1950, only two."

She added that the Negro infant death rate had dropped from 195 in 1,000 births in 1920 to 41.1 per 1,000 in 1950. The tuberculosis death rate has been similarly reduced, with diphtheria and smallpox deaths practically eliminated.

The city health department em-

Father Devine Is "Headache" To Social Security

PHILADELPHIA — (ANP) — Father Devine and his followers are causing officials of the local security office no end of trouble by refusing to participate in the new social security program for domestic workers.

The cult leader has instructed his followers not to participate in the program because it is a form of "insurance" which is "against our religion." He repeated his stand against "insurance," and specifically social security in a statement published recently in the cult's newspaper, the New Day.

According to Joseph J. Siorup, local manager of the social security office, he has fought with the problem of collecting social security payments from Devine's followers for a long time. Their records, he says, are usually incomplete and because the followers use only religious names, are kept in a special section marked "unfinished business."

With the social security provisions extended to include domestics for the first time, the difficulty in making collections is multiplied many times. Most of the Divine followers work as domestics.

The cult leader has said that rather than "accept insurance of any kind, the faithful would go to jail or even die."

"He Must Be Destroyed, Before There Can Be Unity"



LOU SWARZ JOTTINGS

New York City—(GN)—What with newsprint and other paper becoming short, it will perhaps be wise to make these "Jottings" spicy, newsy, interesting, and easy to read. . . . So we will welcome any "bits" of news from all National Organizations — Greeks and others, and we shall keep your many friends the country over informed of what is being done on a national scale or just what might be of national interest. . . . Just drop your news in the mail so that it will reach this desk on or before Wednesday, or better than that—on Tuesday.

Now to continue with the roundup of the newspapers to which the Jottings or other Global or special news is sent—The Light-house and Informer, Miami Times, Minneapolis Spokesman, Negro Spokesman, New Jersey Herald News, Ohio State News, Omaha Guide, Oklahoma Black Dispatch, Oklahoma Eagle, Ohio Daily Express, Ohio Sentinel, Okmulgee Observer, Progressive Herald, Philadelphia Independent, Philadelphia Tribune, Shreveport Sun, Progressive News, St. Louis Argus (that home-town "must"), The State Press—and more next week.

Noteworthy of mention is the Debutante Ball which was held here in NYC last Friday night . . . and you know who led the grand march—our own "First Lady," you know, Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune. . . . You know then that regal, beauty, charm, and love reigned supreme throughout the evening. . . . Orchids to the "one and only" Lillian Sharpe Hunter, Director of the affair; and we'd have you know that La Hunter is also the Director of the "Teen-Town" Scholarship affair whenever it takes place.

NCNW (National Council of Negro Women) is in need of your financial support now, so join "THE MARCH OF DOLLARS" and direct them to NCNW 1318 Vermont, NW . . . because NCNW must live forever. In unity there is strength, and you know what 800,000 women can do. Be one among that 800,000 that opens doors to all. . . .

ACHR (American Council of Human Rights) is busy getting its membership organizations to see the value of a unified National Convention—1952—Cleveland. More about it later.

Collier's Mag of January 20th carries a splendid article on "Programs for the Aged," and NYC is given good mention—and the praise for such Programs here goes to Charlotte Authier and Harry Levine—she in charge of Auxiliary Services of NYC, DW, and he directly in charge of the Programs for the Aged . . . Such Programs are giving the Aged new life and the opportunity to use that creative energy to the best advantage . . . Space limited, so Lou says "Adios."

Negro police are now on the force in Indianapolis and Gulfport, Miss.

Wherever Negro policemen have been appointed it was pointed out, their performance has won the highest praise from municipal authorities, and citizens in general, especially white citizens. It was also pointed out that wherever Negro policemen have been put on the force there has been an immediate and marked reduction in the crime rate in the Negro community and a marked improvement in racial harmony and cooperation.

Music Ensemble Entertains

Life can be fun sometimes when a group sets aside its heterogeneity, responds to the gregariousness of its members and thrills to the outburst of unadulterated pleasure. Such was the case last Friday evening when members and a few friends of Colridge-Taylor Choral Ensemble met at the Branch YWCA for a "Night of Fun." Everybody thrilled at the crescendo of games, folk dances, square dancing and popping joints. With one of the group's popular members, Miss Annie K. Dods, leading these games and dances it was fun! Fun! Fun!

After this a tasty, delicious repast was served to all. The delicacies were of such as would make a satisfied appetite crave for more. Near the close of the social, Charles H. Wilson, Sr., president of the ensemble, gave a short appreciative talk; after which the Ensemble's capable and efficient directress, Mrs. G. Mason Gooden, held the group spell-bound with her message of gratitude.

Who was there? Why (in addition to the above named were) Mesdames Varon O. Dagner, Ophelia Bradford, Odessa Wolfe, Janette Hunt and Irma M. Gambrell; Misses Jennie V. Carr, Geraldine O. Amos, Lottie L. Williams, Cathrilla Sampson Clymathe King, Evelyn Hunter, Audrey L. Johnson, Gladys McCray, Lillie B. Walker and Ruth Donaldson; Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Wiggins, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar J. Wolfe and Mr. James Gooden.

Kids' Approach To The 'Color Line'

Masonga, Africa, Jan. 23 — (Special) — Frightened at the sudden approach of a tall American on a noisy motorcycle, a group of Luo children scurried in all directions to hide. But when the motorcycle stopped and they recognized Father John M. Schiff, a Maryknoll Missioner from the Bronx, the youngsters quickly returned from their hiding places.

"Why did you run away?" asked Father Schiff. "Are you afraid of me?"

"Oh no," answered one of the lads, "We ran because we thought you were a white man."

"Well, don't you think I'm a white man now?" asked the puzzled Father Schiff.

"No, you're not a white man," explained the lad. "You're a priest."

Commissioner . . .

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Truman Says . . .

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gy and power development. It must practice rigid economy in its non-defense activities. Many of the things we would normally do must be curtailed or postponed.

"But in a long-term defense effort like this one, we cannot neglect the measure needed to maintain a strong economy and a healthy democratic society."

"The Congress, therefore, should give continued attention to the measures which our country will need for the long pull. And it should act upon such legislation as promptly as circumstances permit."

A reporter remarked that a lot of speculation had arisen because the President did not specifically ask for repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act.

Mr. Truman replied that he had asked for labor legislation which would clarify the situation so that there would be better labor-management relations in the future than there had been in the past. As far as repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act is concerned, he added, that is it.

Charges Husband Makes Dog Keep Watch On Her

CHICAGO, Ill.—A 22-year-old former dancer charged Friday in Chicago Circuit court that when her husband was not around he had his dog keep an eye on her in their apartment (8 S. Lockwood Ave.).

Petite Dorothy Newman is seeking a divorce on cruelty grounds from Roy Newman, 37, owner of a performing dog, Lucky.

She charged that Newman struck and beat her and when he left the apartment he would tell Lucky, a mixed shepherd and police dog, "Don't let Dorothy out while I'm gone."

Mrs. Newman said the dog understood perfectly. Each time she tried to edge toward the door, Lucky snarled and bared his fangs.

Judge Daniel Roberts issued a temporary injunction restraining Newman and the dog from bothering her.

Mrs. Martha Diggs and Family.

Card Of Thanks

We, the family of the late Charles Diggs, wish to thank everyone for the many telegrams, cards, flowers and other expressions of sympathy shown our family in the recent death of our son and brother.

Mrs. Martha Diggs and Family.

Many young men and women today in college and in many useful walks of life got their start SELLING NEWSPAPERS.

Sit down today and write for agents contract. The idle moments of each week-end can be put to excellent use. Quick money and inspirational employment follow every agent of our paper.

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WEEKLY POEM



REV. JOHN R. PERKINS DO YOU NEED MY GOD IF SO OBEY HIM

1
Our churches are calling for Double DD's
And members with the highest degrees
No place for Christ to dwell in the church
And the members are doing as they please.

2
You have got to do the will of God
He is calling for the heart not the brain
If you will give him what He asks for
Then he will love everyone the same.

3
He said to love one another
And be followers of Jesus as well
Unless you obey the will of God
Your soul is bound for hell.

4
The world it knows so much today
But don't know God in departing of their sins
This applies to every living soul
I'm speaking to both women and men.

5
Our churches are adding and taking away
Yet neither one is good for the soul
God said not to add or take away
Because it was damnation to the soul.

6
If the old account is settled
Your life will let the world know
That the old account has been settled
And was settled long, long ago.

7
Good people get out of the worldly games
And take a stand for Jesus Christ
You tell me this is a Modern Day
So how about a Christian life.

8
Stop singing and shouting, preaching the same
If you don't know God in departing of your sins
I am warning the guilty to turn around
This applies to both women and men.

9
Give up today, tomorrow may never come
Acknowledge your sins to Jesus Christ
He said whosoever believed on him
Would have eternal life.
Rev. J. R. Perkins
2611 Lilly St.
Jackson, Miss.

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UP AND DOWN FARISH STREET

By PERCY GREENE

FARISH STREET SATURDAY NIGHT: There's just as good a fish still in the sea as ever was caught in an old and trite saying. But up and down the Old Avenue the oldest and most logical sayings can be made to fit into the wiles and woes of the moment, and the logic of Farish Street, as I learned again, while sitting down to my fish and beer, while seeking some respite from things as they are, which are always a whale of a lot different from what they seem, for instance, I read in an editorial the other day where Percy Greene, the above signed, had grown "rich" and fat while writing this column, and other things about Aunt Hagar's Chills. A fact which will be most violently disputed by some folks who I've had to persuade that I'd just made a deposit to kinda "protect" one of our checks (If you get what I mean). But coming back to the subject, it seems that Brother Mose, was experienced what Old Aunt Nancy Juice-pipe used to call "family Troubles", and the friend to whose ears he was relaying his troubles was seeking, to console the good Brother Mose by telling him, Man, what's you worrying about that one woman for, don't you know that there's gooda fish in the sea as is ever been caught. I sota felt for Brother Mose as I saw the look on his eye that followed his friends remark. Then after indulging in what look like a moment of deep thought and meditation, Brother Mose said, Yea, I guess you is right, but you see that woman done got rid a us turniture, and took all us money outta the postoffice, and went, while I was gone . . . What you say bout them just as gooda fish in the sea as is ever been caught is all right, but a man'd be in a devil of a fix going out in the sea trying to ketch one of them good fish . . . when one fish done already run off with all of the bait . . . You don't hafta laff, you kin jest read it and weep.

ALONG THE OLE AVENUE THIS WEEK . . . Prof. W. Milan Davis, Raymond "Sunshine" Gilliam, and Prof. J. L. Rasberry, top flight north-east Mississippians . . . Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Edwards, and Mrs. Tom Money, of Vicksburg, attending the 124th Diocesan Conference at St. Andrews Episcopal Church, on Capitol Street . . . W. H. Holmes, leading Greenville Merchant in town to attend the meeting of the Citizens Council on Education of which he is one of the five Negro members . . . the others are Prof. James Gooden, Jackson; Prof. A. L. Johnson, Prentiss; Walter H. "Duke" Williams, Jackson, and Prof. A. A. Alexander, Brookhaven . . . seen also up and down the Ole Avenue this week was J. B. Blanton, and his son, owner of the all-Negro Radio Station, Atlanta, Georgia.

ALONG RUMOR ROW . . . What well known young couple in West Jackson is it that is now about to come to the parting of the ways . . . they say it looks like there is gonna be a divorce . . . don't say I didn't warn you.

Here's to You . . . Poseia McCune . . . is the new Jackson Advocate artist and advertising man.

WEEKLY QUOTATION: War is on its last legs; and a universal peace is as sure as is the prevalence of civilization over barbarism, of liberal government over feudal forms. The question for us is only how soon? Ralph Waldo Emerson.

Woman Voted Top Citizen Of Portland

PORTLAND, Ore.—(ANP) — A woman, Mrs. E. W. Smith, was voted last week the outstanding Negro in Portland, Ore.

Mrs. Smith, the first woman president of the local NAACP chapter, was named the Negro First Citizen for 1950 in Portland.

A member of the NAACP board for many years, Mrs. Smith this month concluded her second term as president of the association.

She is a member of the Portland chapter of the League of Women Voters, past president of the Association of Colored Women, executive board chairman of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters auxiliary, and a former member of the Portland YWCA board.

Mrs. Smith works on the staff of the Portland Park Bureau at St. Johns community house.

Winner of the junior award Negro First Citizen is Raleigh Washington, for his rescue of a young girl from the Willamette River last spring. He and Mrs. Smith will be formally honored during Brotherhood Week at a banquet.

Get your organization to sponsor a project that will get a Negro newspaper into the hands of the members of the city council, the school board, the legislature and others. Then you would have made a contribution to an institution that needs you as you need it — the Negro press.

KENDRIX COMMENTS



By MOSS H. KENDRIX

YOU NEED THE NEGRO PRESS Atlanta, Ga. — After almost a decade and a half of fellowship of the Negro press, I am now more convinced than ever before of our great need for this instrumentality of forthright and courageous fight for right.

As I write these lines, the Negro Newspaper Publishers Association, here at the Butler Street YMCA for its mid-winter workshop, is downstairs in executive session toying with methods thru which it can increase its service to you, and me and the nation.

During the two-day period now ending, publisher leaders from over the nation have given serious consideration to the many problems which face them in their service to you and to a nation, now in the midst of all-out security planning, and a world in all-out turmoil.

These publisher leaders have listened to governmental experts from our nation's capital, brief them on the various programs that our government has under formation for security and defense and warfare, if that be necessary.

At the same time, they have taken serious stock of problems which face their industry in the near future. These problems are grave, indeed. Beginning today, it will be more difficult for them to operate as publishers than it was yesterday. Such is the extent of the gravity.

Beginning today, even yesterday and the day before, they have the problem of obtaining adequate news print—paper on which to print their issues—manpower, if not now, will be a factor in an early tomorrow. And as we move forward, these and other problems of the trade will become more pressing.

Your and my need for this segment of the American press emphasizes the fact that its needs and problems are also ours. Since we are common stockholders in this national institution, we are interested in the dividends that its existence pays issue by issue to the American way of life.

You may not be aware of the fact that the Negro press, unlike the rest of the American press, operates greatly upon its sales rather than upon its advertising revenue as is the rule (other than the exception with the bulk of our national press. Although changing in trend, many of the larger Advertisers do not yet buy in Negro newspapers.

The nickels, dimes and fifteen cents, which you pay for the Negro newspaper, increases your stock in this organ for the promotion of full democracy. The lines of copy that our papers carry in their drive for democracy make even greater the common-stock interest which you have to them and they to you.

I know that you would join with me in making this press so strong that the foes of democracy, the proponents of bigotry, would dare not shadow its path. We who need the Negro press as a vigorous force must give it the might to continue its fight for right.

I believe that you would want to do something tangible to assure the security, the growth and the unafraid expression of opinion which the Negro press features. Further, my belief is strong that you would accept my challenge for tangible action in this important concern.

In the support of the cause which it has, the Negro press needs a greater audience upon which to reflect its mirror of interpretations, so reflected as by no other agent of the American press. If the democracy which it champions is to be known, it must have readers in all areas of our national life.

Therefore, I offer you a challenge. I challenge you with this issue of the Negro press—buy two copies and give one to someone who does not know the cause for which the Negro press stands. Give it by hand or by mail to the white person for whom you work or to the governor of your state.

Further goes my challenge to you. You are likely a member of some club or some type of community organization — Elks what have you. What is that group's project for the year? If it already has one, and it must, still you can offer another—buy two and pass one along.

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